

# What You *Need* To Know About Asthma and Vaccines

The CDC wants you to know that vaccines are an important part of managing your asthma. Certain diseases that can be very serious for people with asthma can be prevented by vaccines. Staying up to date with vaccines is part of your regular asthma management.

People with asthma should get:

- ☐ Influenza “flu shot” vaccine each year
- ☐ Pneumococcal “pneumonia” vaccine
- ☐ Zoster “shingles” vaccine\*
- ☐ Vaccine to prevent whooping cough and tetanus (Tdap)



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**Your doctor, pharmacist or other healthcare provider may recommend other vaccines based on your age, vaccines you have had, and other considerations. Take charge of your health. Talk to your healthcare provider about including vaccines as part of your asthma management.**

\*for adults 60 years and older

**You can find more information at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines)**